

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the application in light of the February 24, 2006 Advisory Action. To further prosecution, Applicant has amended claims 1, 11, 16, 26, and 34. Applicant has also canceled claims 10, 12, 20, 32, and 39 without prejudice or disclaimer. For at least the reasons given below, Applicant submits that the currently pending claims are allowable and, hence, requests favorable action for this case.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner indicates that claim 12 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form with the limitations of claims 1 and 10. Advisory Action, pg. 2. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 10 and 12. Thus, Applicant submits that claim 1 is in condition for allowance and requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection thereof.

The other currently-rejected independent claims of the application – claims 16, 26, and 34 – contain limitations analogous to those originally cited in claim 1.¹ Applicant has also amended these claims to incorporate limitations analogous to those of claims 10 and 12. Applicant therefore submits that claims 16, 26, and 34 are also in condition for allowance and, hence, requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejections thereof.

¹ The Examiner has previously indicated that claim 40 is allowable. Final Office Action, pg. 10.

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Conclusion

Applicant submits that a good faith effort has been made to advance the prosecution of this application and that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner thinks that a telephone conference may advance prosecution, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the below-listed attorney.

Applicant does not believe that this response requires any adjustment in fees. If, however, Applicant is mistaken, please apply any charges or credits to deposit account number 05-0765.

Respectfully submitted,

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